

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 09-053

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 17, 2009, Northern Utilities, Inc. D/B/A Unitil (Northern or Company) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its Energy Efficiency Plan for the twenty-month period May 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010. The petition and subsequent docket filings will be posted to the Commission website and can be accessed through <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2009/09-053.htm>, excluding information filed under a motion for protective treatment pursuant to the Commission's administrative rules.

Northern's current Energy Efficiency Plan was approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,630, in DG 06-036. It expires on April 30, 2009. The March 17, 2009 filing proposes to extend many of the existing programs.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the proposed changes; the twenty-month period as compared to the current three-year period; proposed budgets and shareholder incentives for the remainder of 2009 and calendar year 2010; and cost effectiveness of the proposed programs.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Northern, Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on April 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Northern shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 25, 2009, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 21, 2009; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 16, 2009, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 21, 2009.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this nineteenth day of March, 2009.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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